

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2010

Present

Al Giansanti Pam Henry

Bob Appleby Rich Cirillo

Kim Bingham

Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Peter Lee Jim Burke

Dave Kennedy

Guests

Cheryl Cassidy Frank Abetti

Don Bourdeau

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Minutes:

M/S (Cirillo/Appleby) to approve the October minutes as presented.

Corrections to minutes include:

Page 1 a. Don Bourdeau Report, paragraph two: "Leyden" should be "Lyden"

Page 3 b. Soccer: "very thing" should be "everything"

Page 1 Present/Absent: Pam Henry should be "Present". Pam arrived late to the meeting.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to approve the October minutes as amended. Vote: Henry, Appleby, Cirillo
Abstaining: Giansanti, Bingham**

2. Treasurer's Report:

S. Spang presented the treasury report.

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to accept the Treasury Report as presented. Vote: unanimous

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

- a. Frank Abetti spoke to the Commission on the Vision Statement for the Town of Salem. He explained the Vision Committee and how they arrived at the written statement presented to the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission felt recreation was very well represented in the statement. Frank answered questions from the Commission.

- b. Don Bourdeau Report:

The gate at the school for the Multi-purpose path will be modified by the end of November with a pool safety gate to allow easier access to the path.

D. Bourdeau will meet with a contractor next week concerning the drainage on the RHR soccer field.

Members R. Cirillo and K. Bingham believe the backboard for the tennis courts are fine. No adjustment needs to be made at this time.

The court will be looked at by members to see existing marks in the asphalt. December 1 the nets will come down and the gates will be locked.

The concession stand at RHR is now closed. A. Giansanti was informed there was still soda in refrigerator.

No work has been done on the parking lot for RHR. The septic and leeching field placement needs to be located. A. Giansanti offered his help to pinpoint the locations.

Work will start on the Multi-purpose Path.

A. Giansanti asked if mowing could be done on the Gadbois field for practice. Concern was expressed due to the condition of the area and possibility of injuries. Use of the Salem School field was recommended.

D. Bourdeau stated work will be done on the school field in 2011.

4. Additions and Revisions:

S. Spang informed the Commission Dave Kennedy will be member. Joe Dalton's term had expired and he chose not to remain a Recreation Commission member.

5. New Business:

- a. **Forsyth Road**

B. Appleby reported the electrical work to the shed is not finished. The top dressing on the field will be done in November.

Discussion took place concerning the naming of the Recreation areas in Salem. The Commission was asked by

S. Spang to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Signs will be erected at the sites, style and lettering to be determined.

b. Tree Lighting

The Tree Lighting will be on December 5 at 4:00pm. R. Cirillo will pick up the donuts and hot chocolate. P. Lee will pick up the candy canes. P. Henry will pick up paper goods and cider. P. Lee will ask 5 or 6 8th grade volunteers to help. S. Spang has the entertainment and Santa ready for the evening. D. Weston has done a flyer for the community calendar and the announcement is posted on the web site.

c. Recreation Clerk Report

After school programs are being offered. The Nature Club is taking place right now. More will follow after the first of the year.

Zumba class will be offered starting in January on Monday nights in the Multipurpose Room at Salem School from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

6. Old Business:

- a. Baseball** – A. Giansanti presented a “Snack Stand Closing Procedure” to the Commission (see file copy).

Fall Ball is now over. Pitching and catching practice will be starting. Modifications to 4 dugouts will be done to have storage sheds on the inside. December 12 will be a pot luck dinner at Gardner Lake Firehouse. Nick Galley will be honored for playing “T” Ball through 18yr old Babe Ruth.

S. Spang asked for justification on funding received from the Commission for baseball, soccer and basketball. A. Giansanti and B. Appleby will bring their budgets and bank statements to the December meeting.

- b. Soccer**- B. Appleby reported the fall season is over. Adult pickup games are Saturday mornings at 8:30am at the RHR soccer field. Thanksgiving morning will be the 5th Annual Turkey Cup at 9:00am at the RHR soccer field. Two games will be played.

- c. Basketball** – Mary Durkee reported to S. Spang a good turnout was at the school gym for the “Mighty Mike” presentation. P. Henry reported basketball practice has begun. The Commission expressed concerns and questions about the older travel team. S. Spang will discuss the issue with M. Durkee.

- d. Tennis** – The summer league did not take off as R. Cirillo would have wanted. He will try again next year. S. Spang asked D. Bourdeau if the light on the Public Works building could be fixed, it has not worked for a while. It will help the area stay lit when the tennis lights go off by the timer and need to reset by players on the courts.

- e. Multi Purpose Path** – See D. Bourdeau report.

7. Other Business

Congratulations to Recreation Commission members Sue Spang, Al Giansanti and Bob Appleby on receiving the Unsung Hero Award. Presentations will be on January 30, time to be announced.

8. Future Action Items:

- a. Disc Golf
- b. Skateboard Park
- c. Disorderly Parents/Coaches – S. Spang will ask for an opinion from the town attorney on the subject.

9. Adjournment:

M/S/C (Giansanti/Cirillo) to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary